

IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A therapy device for providing air to a patient's upper body, said device comprising:

a tube having a first leg, a second leg, and a crosspiece, said tube having an orifice for an air supply hose, said tube having a means for exhausting air, said first leg, said second leg, and said crosspiece defining a U-shaped opening sized to accommodate a head of the patient between said first leg and said second leg, and said first leg and said second leg having a length sufficient to extend from a shoulder of the patient to a crown of said head of the patient;

a base sheet attached to said crosspiece, said base sheet holding said tube in a fixed position when inflating and deflating said tube; and

a cover sheet attached to said first leg and extending to said second leg, said tube positioned between said cover sheet and said base sheet.

Claim 2 (Cancelled):

Claim 3 (Cancelled):

Claim 4 (Cancelled):

Claim 5 (Cancelled):

Claim 6 (Original): The device of Claim 1 wherein said tube further includes a first tube sheet and a second tube sheet, said tube formed by overlaying said first tube sheet and said second tube sheet and joining said first tube sheet and said second tube sheet at a common outside edge.

Claim 7 (Cancelled):

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 6 wherein said means for exhausting air is a plurality of slits formed in said tube, each of said plurality of slits positioned adjacent to said common outside edge. .

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 1 wherein said means for exhausting air is defined by an air permeable portion of said tube.

Claim 10 (Cancelled):

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 6 wherein said means for exhausting air is located adjacent to said common outside edge.

Claim 12 (Original): The device of Claim 6 wherein said first tube sheet has an amount of excess material that is folded parallel to an axis of said first leg, said fold being joined with said second tube sheet at said common outside edge.

Claim 13 (Original): The device of Claim 1 wherein said tube further includes a first appendage,

said first appendage connected to and extending substantially perpendicular to said first leg at a first leg end distal to connection of said first leg to said crosspiece.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): A therapy device for providing air to a patient's upper body, said device comprising:

a tube having a first leg, a second leg, and a crosspiece, wherein said first leg, said second leg, and said crosspiece defining a U-shaped opening, said U-shaped opening sized to accommodate a head of the patient between said first leg and said second leg, said tube having an orifice for an air supply hose, said tube formed by overlaying a first tube sheet and a second tube sheet and joining said first tube sheet and said second tube sheet at a common outside edge;

a plurality of exhaust ports formed in said tube for exhausting a medium from said tube into said U-shaped opening;

a base sheet attached to said crosspiece, whereby said base sheet holds said tube in a fixed position when inflating and deflating said tube;

at least one securing tab extending from said common outside edge and attached to said base sheet; and

a cover sheet attached to said first leg, said cover sheet being transparent and extending to said second leg, said tube positioned between said cover sheet and said base sheet.

Claim 15 (Cancelled):

Claim 16 (Original): The device of Claim 14 wherein said first tube sheet has an amount of excess material that is folded parallel to an axis of said first leg, said fold being joined with said second tube sheet at said common outside edge.

Claim 17 (Cancelled):

Claim 18 (Cancelled):

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 14 wherein said plurality of exhaust ports include a plurality of slits formed in said tube, each of said plurality of slits positioned adjacent to said common outside edge.

Claim 20 (Cancelled):

Claim 21 (Cancelled):

Claims 22-27 (Cancelled):

Claim 28 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 1 wherein said means for exhausting air is located such that air is exhausted toward said patient except in a region defined by the location of two ears on said patient.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 13 wherein said first appendage is adapted to extend along a shoulder of a patient.

Claim 30 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 13 wherein said means for exhausting air extends along said first appendage, and said means for exhausting air directs air toward a patient adjacent to said first appendage.

Claim 31 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 14 wherein said plurality of exhaust ports are located such that air is prevented from being exhausted toward said patient in a region defined by the location of two ears on the patient.

Claim 32 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 14 wherein said plurality of exhaust ports include a plurality of slits formed in said tube.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 14 wherein said plurality of exhaust ports are defined by an air permeable portion of said tube.

Claim 34 (Previously presented): The device of Claim 14 wherein said tube further includes a first appendage, said first appendage connected to and extending substantially perpendicular to said first leg at a first leg end distal to connection of said first leg to said crosspiece, said first appendage extending away from said second tube.

Claim 35 (Cancelled):